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Controller Releases December 2010 Cash Update

SACRAMENTO – State Controller John Chiang today released his monthly report covering California's cash balance, receipts and disbursements in December. Receipts for the month were \$562.5 million, or -5.8 percent, below estimates found in the 2010-11 State Budget.

"It is clear that next year's budget deficit will not be solved by a surge in revenues," said Chiang. "Rather than hope for a miracle, lawmakers must take the tough actions necessary to bring the budget back into balance."

In the month of December, sales taxes were down \$50.2 million (-2.3 percent), and personal income taxes came in \$64.1 million above (1.3 percent) estimates. Corporate taxes were down \$529.9 million (-25.6 percent), indicating that the unexpected \$263 million in November's corporate tax collections were merely accelerated revenues.

The State faced a \$20.8 billion cash deficit on December 31. That deficit was covered by \$10.8 billion of internal borrowing – short term loans from special funds – and \$10 billion of external borrowing.

December 2010's <u>financial statement</u> and the <u>summary analysis</u> can found on the Controller's Web site at www.sco.ca.gov.

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